In more than a half century of living, I have never found a perfect person, including myself. I think that most of us are striving to become better than we are or ever have been—for the experiences of life prove the value of such resolve. The only real reason we live is to exemplify the best that we can vision.

The Birmingham Eccentric

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THIS and THAT

By G. R. A.

Fighting the Japs, Is A Very Dirty Business!

Here is a copy of a letter, written last April by an American youth from the southwest Pacific; it depicts, with brutal reality, what some of our boys go through to beat the Japs. Here it is:—4-29-45

Dearest Folks:

This letter will undoubtedly seem queer to you as, in this, I'm going to give forth with news. My outfit hit the beach of Okinawa about three hours after the first wave on Easter Sunday (April fool's day). We must have surprised them completely because the opposition was light and only few casualties were gotten. Our first night we set up near Yontan airfield, which the infantry had secured about nightfall. I'm in the security section of our battery and 2nd gunner on a 50 caliber machine-gun. We were given orders not to fire unless the word was passed. In the wee hours of the morning, along came a hedge-hopper who flew directly over us. I could have spit in his eye. He circled the field and landed. On getting out he was riddled with lead. Some of those guys never got the word. A few annoying snipers were in a couple of rounds close to us, but no-one got hurt. Then we moved on and dead bodies appeared. Along the road were arms, legs, heads and torsoes, blood and guts scattered everywhere. Went through the town of China and it was not very pretty. Our flame-throwers, tanks and artillery are not playthings.

That night we got two Japs trying to infiltrate near us. Two rounds, two Nips. We were fortunate in having no rain to impede the shipping of the equipment over the ground. The Marines were to take the northern end of the island so we moved up and only net small bands of organized resistance. At every stopping place my section was sent to patrol the area. Once in a while we would send scouts out. If we met any Nips, we either killed them or brought them in. Finally we set up permanent camp.

The place was an old Jap military school, riddled with bullets and machine-gun fire. The battery moved inside, but we unfortunates have to sleep by our guns in the mud. Here every night bullets came our ways but only two have been hit, none killed. Their usual time to infiltrate is between nightfall and 10 P. M. and between 3 A. M. and 5 A. M. Yes, I'll admit at first I was scared half to death. Bullets hurt; a few hand-grenades can do and have done damage; I don't like the look in a dead man's eye, it gives me the shivers. We have been going out on patrols and occasionally meeting "nambues" (Jap machine guns). Their mortar-fire is deadly accurate and is causing us to hustle. They call them knee mortars. That is the only thing that they excel us in. They are experts. Our chow is getting better. Easter dinner was K ration. ½ ½" cut out by censor . and boy do they hit the spot. The water isn't bad, what there is of it.

Now, as for the environment of the place. The people have no decency or morals. Their houses are filthy, as are their human bodies. There are abundant flies, mosquitoes, lice, fleas, ticks and other insects in their houses. They are made out of straw with mats strewn all over, and rice stored

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Major Clark Home On Short Leave

Major and Mrs. Donald E. Clark arrived in Birmingham on August 3rd for a stay of three weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Clark, of Oak street, after which he expects an assignment to duty in the Pacific theater. Major Clark went overseas September 21, 1942, as an engineering officer with the 324th Service Squadron, landing in Egypt about the time of El Alemein.

Subsequent moves took him to Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and Corsica. During this time he had some interesting experiences such as witnessing all planes on the base severely damaged by the eruption of Vesuvius, and undergoing an intense German air raid on the airfield in Corsica. He received the Legion of Merit award for unusual service in times of crises.

During the past eight months Major Clark has been commanding officer of the 946th Air Engineering Squadron.

HEADS VETERANS' OFFICE

Mrs. Fred B. Samuelson, Jr., Chapin, has taken over her duties as director of the office of the Veterans' Service bureau in the Community House. Dr. John Lambie, chairman of the Council of Veterans' Affairs, is head of the committee conducting the office. Mrs. Samuelson attended a special course of instruction at Lansing and last week was present at a meeting of state counselors of veterans' bureaus, held for three days in Grand Rapids.

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—Adv. tf

Public Is Invited To Twilight Concert At Library Friday Night

The famous Fifth symphony of Tschaikowsky is to be featured for Friday's Twilight concert at Baldwin Public Library. Included also on the program are Beethoven's "Egmont" overture, The Merry Franks of Til Eulenspiegel" by Richard Strauss, and the sparkling "Classical" symphony of Prokofieff.

This will make the seventh of the "Twilight concerts" which are programs of recorded music played every Friday evening at the Public Library from 7 to 8:30 p. m.

There is no admission charge. "Come to listen and knit, listen and read, listen and browse—or just listen," says the invitation.

Suggestions for future programs will be welcomed.

William Raymond Victim Of Japs In Philippine Prison

After waiting hopefully since the fall of Bataan for some word from their brother, Foster Raymond and Leo Jarvis of 539 Townsend, have just received a telegram from the War Department, reporting the death of Pfc. William L. Raymond, somewhere in the Philippine.

Pfc. Raymond enlisted in the Army Oct. 19, 1939, at Selfridge Field. He went overseas the next year and served in the Philippines until the Japs captured the Islands. He and his brothers made their home with their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Hathaway, of Townsend street.

The telegram from Washington said:

"I am deeply distressed to inform you, corrected report just received states your brother, Private First Class William L. Raymond who was previously reported missing in action died thirteen July nineteen forty two in Philippine Islands as result of dysentery and malaria period. The Secretary of War asks that I express his deep sympathy in your loss and his regret that unavoidable circumstances made necessary the unusual lapse of time in reporting your brother's death to you. Confirming letter follows."

"Edward P. Witsell, Acting Adjutant General of the Army."

Tennis Doubles To Be Ended Sunday

The Doubles Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Birmingham Recreation Commission will be brought to a close this Sunday, August 12, on the Hill School courts when the finals will be played. The Men's doubles will be played at 11 a. m., the Juniors at 2 p. m., and the mixed doubles at 4 p. m.

The results of the first round matches of the Men's division are as follows: Don McLeese downed Art Williams and Bruce Williams 6-0, 6-0; Tom Cookerly and Tom Hubbard won by default; Robert Spicer and Fielding Yost defeated Peter Hartauff and Harris Jackson 6-2, 6-0. Bud Gregory and John Shiner upset Don Degen and Bud Morrow 6-3, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles

The only match scheduled and completed in the mixed division was won by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spicer from Harold Holden and Mrs. Wm. Holden 6-3, 6-2.

In the Junior tournament the winners of the first round were Jimmy Buchanan and Glenn Emery by default; Peter Hartauff and Harris Jackson defeated Don Degen and Bud Morrow 7-5, 6-3; Ralph Dunbar and Ted Laird won by default; Peter Plumstead and Woody Dare downed Dick McClintock and Richard Murray by a score of 6-3, 6-2; Arthur Williams and Bruce Williams defeated Al. Monnroy and Bill Vandevelder 7-5, 6-4.

In the second round only one match has been completed. Tom Hubbard and Tom Cookerly defeated Peter Hartauff and Harris Jackson 6-2, 6-4.

Watch Watts Is New Note on Birmingham's U. of M. Grid Center

From what the fans can learn as the summer football drills end at the University of Michigan the coaches are going to depend a lot on Harold Watts, veteran center from Birmingham, in their games this autumn. Watts is expected to be the regular starter and, with his improved ability on defense, is likely to see action for longer periods than ever before.

On the offensive Watts is listed as one of the strongest men in the Michigan line. He is a quick, able blocker, is down the field with plenty of speed for a center, when occasion demands and is developing into a deadly tackler. His ability to follow the ball and to be on hand to grab fumbles or drop the ball carrier has earned him the respect of opposing teams.

His friends declare: "Watch Watts this fall."

Birmingham's Dog Ordinance To Be Enforced

Birmingham dog owners who have not paid their yearly dog license appear to be in for a session with the city authorities for the City Commission meeting, Monday evening, laid plans to have the dog ordinance enforced. Right now a dog census, the first in some years, is being made, with about half of the work completed. Through this means the city is learning that a large number of dog owners have not complied with the licensing regulations.

City clerk Irene E. Hanley and Chief of Police John P. Hackett told the Commission that in some instances people have seemed to openly defy the city, declaring they would not license their dogs. In most cases, the two city officials stated, owners object to having their dogs immunized against rabies.

Fail to Report Dogs

Miss Hanley told the commission that the work of taking the census appears about half finished. "Reports coming to my office disclose," she said, "that in some cases owners declare they have no dogs, while the census taker has made on his report of hearing a dog barking in the house. In other instances the census report discloses that neighbors tell of dogs being owned and kept in homes where owners report they do not have a dog."

Chief Hackett was asked by Mayor Wilmer E. Moody, "what are your recommendations, chief?" Chief Hackett replied "it is not going to do much good to take a dog census if you are not going to enforce the ordinance, and take action against those owners who refuse to comply with the ordinance."

In the past some owners have been ordered into court for violation of the ordinance; they have hurried to the license bureau, secured a dog license, and their cases have been allowed to drag along and have finally been dropped. I think once a case is started it should be carried through."

"Handling of dog cases and complaints of dogs running at large make up quite a portion of our police work. We get more such cases than any other."

Object to Immunization

Commissioner Milton T. Malander told the commission that the immunization part of the ordinance appeared to be one to which most objections were made. "I think some cities have dropped that part of their ordinance. City Manager H. H. Corson said he would investigate action in nearby cities. Commissioner Mallender declared, "we should defend the ordinance or repeal it."

Commissioner Wm. Coit Allee suggested that it might be a good thing to handle the most flagrant violations first, bringing several owners into court at one time. Our ordinance is intended as a protection of people against vicious dogs and to eliminate chances of any one contracting rabies from a dog bite."

Chief Hackett reported to the commission that Lt. DeLyle Service, bitten by a dog some months ago, was still suffering from the bite and that his torn finger was not healing properly. Additional medical attention is to be given the police officer, the commission decided.

Oakland Hills Gets Golf Meet, 27-31st

The Women's District Golf association is laying plans to hold its annual championship tournament this season, after a lapse of three years. The dates have been set for Aug. 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 and the place as the Oakland Hills club out West Maple.

The last previous annual tournament was held at Oakland Hills when Marjorie Ross now of Anniston, Alabama, was the winner. She won from Mrs. Donald Weiss, of Flint.

This year it is expected by the members that Margaret Russell will make a strong bid for the title. This is her home course and she has been turning in some unusually low cards. Playing at Meadowbrook last week she was carded at 83. Dorothy Murton of Oakepointe and Betty Jane Cortright of Barton Hills gave her a close race, the former at 84 and the latter with 85. All three are expected to enter the championship tournament.

BIRD IN CHIMNEY

Most folks remember the old saying of "a bird in the hand, etc.," but Mrs. Melville M. Austin at 252 E. Lincoln just doesn't care for birds, that is if they are in the fireplace chimney. The other day a small bird dropped into the chimney and stirred up the ashes and soot in good shape. Mrs. Austin called the police who soon had Mr. Bird outside and free again. Both the bird and Mrs. Austin were happy.

IF selling your car, why not call your local Chrysler dealer, 479 So. Woodward. Phone 4021. —Adv. tf

Got Your Christmas Shopping Done Yet?

Lending emphasis to need for early overseas mailing, Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan points to a poster in New York designating Sept. 15-Oct. 15 as "Christmas Mail Month." Assisting him in telling you to get your soldier's package in the mail by then to make sure it reaches its destination by Christmas are WAC Maj. Ruth Fowler, middle, and WAVE Lt. (jg) Elsie Valier.

Murray VanWagoner Reports Birmingham Clothing Collection Total Passes 55,000 Pounds; First Shipments Arrive Overseas

Clothing contributed by the American people will reach millions of war victims overseas before winter sets in, according to a report from Henry J. Kaiser, national chairman of the United National clothing collection. Murray D. Van Wagoner, local chairman of the clothing drive, who received the report, made it public today.

The report included a statement by President Truman that the local clothing collection committees throughout America "have rendered a service to world peace."

It disclosed that 29,397,427 pounds of clothing had been baled as of July 25. Of this amount, 15,564,266 pounds had been shipped or were specifically scheduled for shipment, and arrangements are being made to ship the balance.

Aid Nine Countries

The report pointed out that the clothing already shipped or specifically scheduled for shipment will aid people in nine countries in the following amounts: Belgium—1,816,284 pounds; Czechoslovakia—2,022,276 pounds; France—3,535,815 pounds; Greece—1,334,472 pounds; Italy—340,045 pounds; the Philippines—1,041,725 pounds; Yugoslavia — 4,423,647 pounds; China—50,000 pounds; Russia—1,000,000 pounds.

It is the aim of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration to move all the contributed clothing overseas for distribution before winter, Mr. Kaiser declared. He reported that the processing of clothing for shipment has been greatly stepped up in recent weeks and added that the donations are now being baled at the rate of 1,500,000 pounds a day. The baling is under the supervision of the United States Treasury Procurement Division, acting on behalf of UNRRA.

Much from Birmingham

Commenting on this report, Mr. Van Wagoner said, "Every person who helped our community collect 55,000 pounds of clothing for overseas war relief should feel proud of having participated in this great cause. We are all glad to know that the clothing is now on its way overseas to relieve the suffering people. We warmly welcome the official assurance from Mr. Kaiser of a baling and shipping program designed to get our contributions, along with those of every other American community, on the backs of the needy boys and girls and men and women before winter."

Mr. Van Wagoner, summarizing figures said that reports filed by 7,671 local chairmen in cities and towns all over the nation showed collections totaling 150,366,014 pounds of used clothes, shoes, and bedding.

The first shipments of contributed clothing have arrived at their destinations and are now being distributed to the needy, Mr. Kaiser declared.

Lt. J. C. Haldane Is Honored For His Work In Germany

Official notification has just come to Mr. and Mrs. T. Haldane, 396 Brown, of the awarding of a Bronze Star Medal and also an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Medal, to their son, Lt. John C. Haldane, serving overseas with the 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, of the 28th Infantry Division.

The citation which accompanied the Bronze Star reads:

"The action occurred by the 1st platoon of Company B on 19 September 1944 in the vicinity of Kesfeld, Germany was subjected to intense mortar and artillery fire at approximately 1100 hours. Several men were able to notify the men of this platoon that O. P. which was 300 to 400 yards to the front had been knocked out. Lt. John Haldane, the platoon leader, and Sgt. Edward Makowiecki, the destroyer commander, without hesitation and in complete disregard for their personal safety went to the location of the O. P. They found the telephone wire leading to the C. P., carried it to their destroyer and established communication with the infantry C. P. until another O. P. was functioning. They were quick to realize the seriousness of the unit being without the O. P. and accomplished the act in a very cool and efficient manner. Lt. John C. Haldane was not wounded while preforming this heroic act."

Oak Leaf Cluster

The citation accompanying the Oak Leaf Cluster reads:

"First Lieutenant John C. Haldane, 01822874, 629th Tank Destroyer Battalion, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy from 1 March, 1945, to 1 May, 1945, in Germany. First Lieutenant Haldane gave rifle troops continuous support with his additional fire power, often when the terrain would seemingly preclude the use of tank destroyers. First Lieutenant Haldane's tactics were versatile and sound. His aggressive action saved the lives of many men in his own unit and in the units which he supported. The devotion to duty and aggressive leadership displayed by First Lieutenant Haldane reflect credit upon himself and the armed forces. Entered military service from Michigan."

REPORTS GUN STOLEN

H. Dean Yocum, 320 Townsend, reported to police recently that a .25 calibre Astra Automatic pistol was missing from his apartment. Police also received a report of an attempted robbery at the gas station at 1712 West Lincoln. They found a window broken but nothing missing.

All makes of inner spring mattresses repaired. ROYAL MATTRESS COMPANY. PHONE B'HAM 1-0788. —Adv. tf.

Local Red Cross Seeks Workers To Handle War Effort

C. G. Rudderham, chairman of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross announces that seven thousand men and women are needed by September 1 by the American National Red Cross. The local chapter has been assigned a quota of one social worker, one recreation worker and three staff aides. Personnel is needed for domestic service as well as overseas.

Workers are now needed in military hospitals in this country in large numbers. Since V-E day workers have been needed in much greater numbers in the military hospitals of the country, women between the ages of 23 and 45 may apply and men between 30 and 50 years of age. Anyone interested may call Chapter Headquarters.

Miss Faye Anderson, of Birmingham, who has been with the Red Cross overseas wrote recently from Manila, "I will say that the Red Cross is doing one marvelous job here and I'm proud to be in their organization. From ruins they have already gotten a place started where our boys can get a snack or cold drink, read a book, play some ping pong, meet friends, write letters or just plain relax. Their (the Red Cross) civilian relief help will go down in history and believe me all the gals are really working full speed. We are needed so badly."

Airmen Killed In Plane Crash At Big Beaver

Two Army flyers were killed last Thursday afternoon when their military plane crashed into a home on Big Beaver road. The soldiers killed were 1Lt. Stanley Perrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Perrin, Pontiac, and formerly of Clarkston, and Flight Officer Louis J. Mikolajek, of Buffalo, N. Y.

The men were on a routine flight from Romulus Air Field. The plane was noticed dropping suddenly to a low altitude as it neared Big Beaver and headed for the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Frazen, 2130 Big Beaver road.

Mrs. Frazen says that she noticed the plane approaching at a low altitude and believed it would strike the house. She ran to the front of the house, picked up her six year old daughter, Karen, and rushed out of doors.

Plane Demolished

The plane hit the ground about 150 feet from the house, crashed into the building, causing extensive damage, and rolled on to a chicken a coop, chicken coop and another small building.

The propeller, sections of the wings, and other plane parts were scattered about on the ground, from the first impacts before the house was hit. Metal from the plane was mixed with broken furniture, smashed sections of the walls and other debris. Part of the plane, tore through the rear and side walls, leaving the roof intact. Remainder of the plane went approximately 75 feet past the house.

Only one side of the Frazen garage remained standing after the crash. Approximately 40 hens were killed and were scattered about the premises. Several rabbits in some manner survived and were hopping about the wreckage in a short time. A pet dog, who was in his kennel nearby, was uninjured, although his kennel was showered with debris.

On Routine Trip

Lieut. Perrin was thrown clear of the plane. His parachute was opened about him, indicating a possible belated attempt to jump to safety. Flight Officer Mikolajek was trapped in the plane. Both men are believed to have died instantly.

Maj. Francis A. Tilden, public relations officer of the third flying group, Romulus Field, said the officers were not in training but were on duty here, assigned from their home base at Shepherd Field, Texas. They were on detached duty with the headquarters of the Detroit area army flight service and were engaged in army flight control work. They were on a routine administrative mission at the time of the accident. Their plane was an A. T. 6 2-seater North American.

Dr. Beck Is Named On Hospital Board

Dr. O. O. Beck of this city has been named a member of the medical advisory board of the proposed new South Oakland Hospital. The board will select sub-committees to handle such problems as recommendations regarding personnel and other medical phases of the new hospital.

Other members of the board include Doctors Ernest W. Bauer, Hazel Park; R. B. Hasner, Royal Oak; Alvin G. Lambert, Ferndale; and John Norup, Berkley.

The Hospital Authority also named a co-ordinator to assist in construction details. Edward M. Shafter, city manager of Royal Oak, was picked for the job. He was authorized to apply to the Federal Works Administration for funds to help finance plans.

The meeting of the Hospital Authority was held last Thursday night to further plans for establishing the hospital at Woodward avenue and 13 Mile road to serve the nearly a quarter million residents of and workers in 13 communities in South Oakland county.

Several More Men Are Sent To Army

Recent calls for men for the armed service have sent these from the local selective service board to the army: Richard W. Johnson, 819 Hampton, Lawrence Park; Piano, 2100 Orpington; Robert C. Jay, 1020 Waddington, Birmingham, and James C. Zeder, Jr., Bloomfield. They reported on July 27.

Among the men who have been demobilized under the Army point system John P. Maddock, 858 Big Beaver, road; John Pawlowicz, 5690 Livernois; Leo O. Aarner, 984 Bennaville; George M. Lawless, Royal Oak; Oral S. Folden, Bloomfield; Ray W. Dresser, St. Clair Shores; Matthew Balanecki, 1641 E. 17 Mile road; Herbert H. Gardner, Jr., 172 Aspen; Julian A. Medjeski, Troy, and Edwin R. Erickson, 636 George street.

COMPLAINS ABOUT DOG

Mrs. Joseph V. Martin, 1512 Bennaville, has complained to the police department that a neighbor's dog has been destroying her yard. She reported that the owners of the dog were away and had left the dog to run at large.

City Buys $20,000 In Treasury Notes

The purchase of $20,000 in U. S. Treasury Notes by City Treasurer Joseph T. Berger was authorized by the City Commission Monday night. These are the first such government securities purchased by the city from its revolving operating funds. The notes pay 1⅛% interest and are marketable.

In connection with the authorization for the purchase of these securities Commissioner Wm. Coit Allee offered a resolution calling for the securing of an opinion on the question of what institutions the city is authorized to deposit funds, and also in what securities the city may invest its funds.

It is thought City Treasurer Berger will seek such advice within a short time and will make a report back to the Commission.

Events At Barnum Pool Tonight Will Attract Big Crowd

The last big public entertainment event of the season by the children of the Barnum pool groups in the city playground of the Summer Recreational Program, will be the water show at the pool this evening at 8.

Featuring the entertainment will be almost two hours of lively swimming races and the pageant "Sea Sand" in which more than a hundred children will take part.

First will come the races with prizes going to the winners. Then will follow the pageant, with special scenery. Assisting Jacqueline Beck, director of water activities of the summer program, will be Jack Brotzman, Jr., Mary Henderson, Sally Mock, Jane McLee and Bud Gregory.

The pool is to remain open one more week with plenty of fun for those in on the program, but tonight's event closes the entertainment part of the activities.

Admission is 10 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

John Brotzman, director of the summer program, reports that golf is one of the activities gaining interest. Men and older boys have been clamoring for tournaments, the director reports today, with the younger players showing surprising proficiency at the game.

The twilight ball game between the Torrey and Barnum Midgets drew quite a crowd yesterday, the winning 14 to 6 in an exciting battle.

Hills Man Names War Chest Helpers

Announcement of top leaders for the 1945 Community War Chest campaign, which will be held Oct. 8-31, was made this week by Edwin J. Anderson, Lone Pine road, Bloomfield Hills, campaign general chairman.

Earnest C. Kanzler, chairman of the board of Universal C. I. T. Credit Corporation, will add vice-chairmanship of the 1945 drive to his already long list of war activities, while Patrick V. McNamara returns, after a year's absence among the campaign leaders, as the vice-chairman representing labor. McNamara is vice-president of the Detroit and Wayne County Federation of Labor and served as a War Chest campaign leader in 1943.

Big Job For Pierce

Vice-president of the General Motors Corporation, Frank W. Pierce has been appointed a campaign vice-chairman and will also head the campaign's Public Relations Committee. Kenar Welsh, vice-president and general manager of the J. L. Hudson Company, will serve as chairman of the Corporation Gifts Committee, in addition to his post as a campaign vice-chairman.

Mrs. Henry Sheldon follows in the footsteps of her father, who was the first president of the Community Fund, when she takes over her position as a campaign vice-chairman this year. Mrs. Sheldon has been a worker in Community War Chest drives ever since she left school. She will represent women among the campaign leaders in the October drive.

A top officer of each of Detroit's three Community War Chest drives, Henry Wineman, president of People's Outfitting Company, will again be a vice-chairman this year.

War Vets Receiving Help From Red Cross

Mrs. E. J. Turner, chairman of Home Service of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross announces that during one month the two chapter offices gave service to 116 ex-servicemen. The two offices are located at 410 Peoples State Building, Pontiac and 110 E. Fourth street, Royal Oak. The service to these men was in addition to the service to active servicemen and their families.

Red Cross service to veterans and their families varies in each individual case dependent on the need. Assistance is given in filing claims and providing information regarding benefits. Men are frequently assisted in securing vocational rehabilitation through the proper agency.

Trees Win As City Changes Building Code

Birmingham's beautiful trees came in for further study and consideration by the City Commission Monday evening, when the building code was ordered amended to allow for erection of joint garages by owners of adjoining properties, one tree was given an additional lease of life and still another received its death sentence.

Action on trees came on a hearing on a request for removal of a cherry tree on Greenwood, near Bayview. No objections had been filed to elimination of the tree, not considered of value for shade, so the Commission approved its removal.

Saves Elm Tree

But another tree was given a lid longer to live when Miss Margaret McCarroll, 401 Park street wrote the commission asking that it withdraw its former action in ordering removal of a tree in front of her home. Miss McCarroll had asked that a large elm tree be removed to eliminate a dangerous hazard to pedestrians and also to allow hearty maple trees a better chance to grow. Her petition had been granted a week or so ago. Miss McCarroll requested that the sidewalk be repaired but that the tree be left standing. Her request was granted.

Some fine shade trees on property at 922 Hazel and on adjoining property were saved when the Commission agreed to amend the section of the building code covering location of garages on residential property. The change will mean it possible for owners of the property to have a joint driveway, each with his own half of a double garage. George W. Dreyfus, 631 Southfield presented the problem to the Commission and asked for suggestions on how the drive could be laid out and the garages located, and still retain the beautiful shade trees in the yards.

Commissioner Ralph A. Main reported a tree on Chestnut, near Elm, that had been reported to him as being a dangerous hazard, dying and needing attention. The matter was referred to City Manager Corson.

Change Zoning Rules

The zoning ordinance was further amended in case the requirements for rear yards and alleys for buildings in business districts. The change will include provision for the erection of business buildings facing two streets.

Late evening the City Commission and City Planning Commission held a joint meeting to study further planning and zoning. Mayor Wilmer E. Moody suggested at the Commission meeting Monday evening that the Planning Commission hold hearings with property owners to learn zoning regulations owners wished for their sections of the city.

Local Shooters Win State Rifle Event

Birmingham placed two rifle experts among the winners of Sunday's all-day rifle shoot, the 17th tournament of the Southeastern Michigan Rifle and Pistol Association at the Wyandotte municipal rifle range. Allan Johnson won first place in the aggregate master class with a score of 773-42, and Lawrence Smith was second in the aggregate sharpshooter class with a card showing 790-44.

Ross Sinclair, Detroit, factory foreman, fired an aggregate score of 795 out of a possible 800 points in the all-day drizzle to capture top honors from 56 other marksmen out for the meet. He started strong by winning the first match, a Dewar course event restricted to iron sights with the amazing score of 399 with 18 hallseyes.

His closest competitor was Charles Bottome, the Gray Ghost of Wyandotte, who wound up the day's shooting with a neat 794 with 42 hallseyes. Bottome's fine shooting won him the plane in the aggregate expert class.

Top shooting in the sharpshooting division went to Jesse Fisher, school of Royal Oak with 1986-43.

Ensign Fisher Is Made Lieutenant

Word has been received by Russell H. Fisher, 256 Abbey road, that his son, Ensign Russell Russell H. Jr., a communication officer serving aboard the battleship Idaho, has received a promotion to lieutenant (j. g.). Lt. (j. g.) Fisher has served aboard the U. S. S. Idaho for the past fourteen months, during which time the Idaho was definitely known by many parties of the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns as well as other action.

Two other sons are also active in the Pacific. Ensign Robert A. Fisher is a communication officer on the carrier U. S. S. Randolph, and Donald A. Fisher, S 1/c is a radio radio man aboard a PBM3, Naval Patrol Bomber.

During the past 30 days the three boys have met somewhere in the vastness of the Pacific.

Weekly and Bi-weekly Records, New records weekly. Leonard Electric, 163 W. Maple.